

# BRUSH STROKES FROM THE DESOTO ART LEAGUE

A 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION



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## MARCH 26, 2009 MEETING

Thursday @ 7:00 P.M.

**OIL PAINTING by JAMES SPURLOCK**

Presbyterian Church, 212 W. Pleasant Run, DeSoto, Texas



COWBOY

The demonstrator for March will be the well-known James R. Spurlock. James Spurlock has painted and sculpted his way to a very fulfilling niche for himself in the art world. Today he is a teacher as well as an artist who passes on his experience in art to many seminar and private students across the country. As a bronze sculptor, he has not limited himself to just life sized memorial busts but

continues to sculpt bronzes that portray what life means to him and the clients that he 'speaks' for. Such is an artist's passion. Color, value, drawing and edges,... " art is just a series of adjustments...and Life is Art." James is mostly a self taught artist but one of the people he gives credit to for most of the "the good stuff" he knows about his art is the consummate master artist of Carthage, Missouri, Bob Tommey. James' work is found in many illustrious (continued on page 6)

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### OUR SUNSHINE LIST

Gregg Lain, **Christine's Hubby and Rachel's** dad, had open heart surgery on February 20th. He is now at home and is doing well. Let's keep Gregg and family in our prayers.

**George Cole's** mother-in-law (Donna's mother) passed away last week. Our condolences and prayers are with George and Donna.

### CITY HALL DISPLAYS

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The March 2009 exhibit is 'A Family Affair' by the husband and wife artist teams of the Art League: **Richard and Carolyn Webb, Bob and Maria Pauken, Joe and Sondra Blanford and Ken and Sandy Reese.**

The April will be an exhibit by Joseph Acron, a portrait artist.

The May 2009 exhibit will be by Sarasota, FL artist, Susie Cotton (a former local artist and member of the Art League).

June and July will be the 2009 Annual Spring Art Show exhibit.

"Everyone has talent at age 25, the difficulty is to have it at the age of 50."

Edgar Degas

**VIRGINIA VAUGHAN WORKSHOP** - This workshop is filling up fast. Virginia is advertising it to her loyal following and they are signing up. To reserve your spot, see the workshop form on page 7 of this letter - fill it out, send in your money and have fun. Call **Sandy Reese** at 972-217-1546 or email at [sandy@sandyreese.com](mailto:sandy@sandyreese.com).

### ARTWORK OF THE MONTH



**Sandy Reese** ( Center ) won the audiences approval with the blue ribbon for painting of

the month for January 2009. **Julie Danford** ( Right ) won Second Place and **Marca DeLacerda** (Left) won Third Place.

Thanks to Calvin Axtel and his gang at Asel Art Supply for their continued support and merchandise gift certificates for our winners of 1st and 2nd places.

Remember—bring your artwork to the February meeting. Win a prize. Exhibit your monthly artwork in the DeSoto City Library for a month.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This month, the nominating committee, (**Julie Danford, Verna Geihl and Ken Reese**) will be working to get volunteers to man the offices of the Art League for the coming year.

Please consider taking one of the positions that are required to operate the Art League. Most involve minimal work, some for only a few hours a year, others for only a few days. All are important and tend to be satisfying.

Call Julie at 972-223-5851, Verna at 972-224-3046 or Ken at 972-217-1546 to help. See list of officers and committees for offices to be filled.

**OUR PATRONS AND SUP-  
PORTERS**

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*Cedar Hill, Texas*

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*BLUEBONNET ART GALLERY*

*ROE ART*

*DeSoto, Texas*

Please make a special effort to patronize and thank these businesses and organizations that support us so generously.



Visit Calvin Axtel and our friends at Asel Art Supply in one of their many stores throughout the metroplex. Asel is a great supporter of the DeSoto Art League. They are faithful and generous in providing support for all our activities. To Calvin and his crew: THANKS!

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. -- Mark Twain

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. -- Mark Twain (1866)

**REFRESHMENTS**

**The Second Best Reason to come to Meetings**

March - **Ken & Sandy Reese**

April - **Barbara Patrie and Jane Kahler**

May - Pot Luck Installation Dinner

Thanks to **Julie Danford and Cherene Bradshaw** for February refreshments.

Refreshments Coordinator for 2008-2009 is **Marie Pauken** who will be keeping up with who's turn is next. Please see Marie and volunteer for refreshments this coming year.

Contact Marie at: 972-617-3014 or maria@paukenart.com for information.

**SPRING ART SHOW 2009**

The Spring Art Show 2009 is coming up in May — Get ready.

The judge, Virginia Vaughn, from Austin, has been named finalist for "Texas Artist of the Year" this year. A Plein Aire Workshop is planned to coincide with the show with Ms. Vaughn teaching.

She will also do a gallery talk on the show and her choices at the show reception. GET READY!

**JUST A LITTLE OVER 2 MONTHS 'TIL SHOWTIME**

The DeSoto Art League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. All gifts to the DeSoto Art League are tax deductible. All gifts and grants are appreciated.

**WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND SOME-  
TIMES—HOW**

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CHECK THIS OUT— The Cedar Hill Art Group is having a big art show in April. Check with **Sandy Reese, Cherene Bradshaw, Marca DeLacerda, Judy Burch** and other Cedar Hill Members for info. Good Show, Great Prizes.

**Jane Kahler** has been out of town enjoying the views and vistas of the coastal scenes in the northwest.

We need volunteers - someone to chair the installation dinner in May and someone to chair the Art Show reception on May 29.

It was good to see out member **Joan Rice** from LaGrange was in town for our last meeting.

Call Ken with your news at 972-217-1546 or ken\_reese@prodigy.net

DESOTO ART LEAGUE  
2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: Month \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_

Art Mediums: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: George Cole, 213 Wesley, DeSoto, Texas 75115 972-223-5744

REGULAR	STUDENT	PATRON
MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP
\$30.00	\$9.00	\$35.00

**ADDRESS CHANGES,  
CORRECTIONS  
NEW MEMBERS**

Telephone number correction: **Bryan Reynolds**  
correct telephone number is: 972-223-2576

New Members:

**Norma Howard**, 913 Red Bird, DeSoto,  
Tx 75115 Tel: 972-223-4884;  
Email: NormHoward@att.net

**James and Judy Reed**; 1200 Drexal Dr. DeSoto,  
Tx 75115; Email: myshepard2@aol.com

**BIRTHDAYS**

**March 2009**

**Anne Pearle** - 3/13

**Joe Blanford** - 3/15

**Jeane Larke**- 3/21

**Carolyn Webb** - 3/23

**Ava Freeman** - 3/28

Happy Birthday to all these mem-  
bers.

If I missed your birthday, give me  
a call so I can get records updated.  
Ken

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may  
trouble avoid you wherever you go. ~Irish Blessing

Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your  
luck. ~Author Unknown

A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have. -  
Author Unknown

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

President	<b>Dotty Germino</b>	972-224-2209
1st Vice President Programs	<b>Connie Tilden</b>	972-576-8190
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3rd Vice President Membership	<b>George Cole</b>	972-223-5744
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Treasurer	<b>Cherene Bradshaw</b>	972-291-2368

COMMITTEES

Publicity	<b>Connie Tilden</b>	972-576-8190
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Refreshments (Coordinator)	<b>Marie Pauken</b>	972-617-3014
Telephone	<b>Lou Tucker</b>	972-223-6883
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Visual Art Coalition	<b>Barbara Patrie</b>	972-572-6237
Sunshine	<b>Verna Geihl</b>	972-224-3046
Membership Book	<b>Julie Danford</b>	972-223-5851
Need a volunteer to do the May Installation Dinner stuff. Do we have a volunteer?????????		



*INDIAN CHILD*

private and public collections, including Oprah Winfrey, Neil Diamond, Van Cliburn Foundation, Justin Boot Company, Texas Christian Univ. Press and Idaho Historical Society.

Artist's Statement:

"It is the journey that is the meaningful part of life. I know, you've heard that from everyone that counts in your life and some who didn't. My journey is in learning how to learn. Art has helped me see that in all the other parts of my life. Looking back, God is the one responsible for me getting a chance at being an artist and learning that this

world is one big school and our time in it is a long or as short, depending on ourselves, and the quality of our lives depends on our decisions."

Someone once asked him "Have you done this all of your life?" He answered, "Not yet!"

View more of James' work at his website <http://jamesrspurlock.com/>.

Let's all come and welcome James.

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April 2009 - Joseph Acron

May 2009 - Susie Cotton

August 2009 - **Elyse White and Lisa Reinke**

September 2009 - **Sherry Green**

October 2009 - "**A Fish out of Water**" (A home school group sponsored by the DeSoto Library. These are 6-12 year old students. Should be great. They are so excited to be the main artists in their own show)

November 2009 - Linda Schindler

We need artists to exhibit their art in the DeSoto City Hall for January and February 2010. The exhibits will hang for approximately one month. Family friendly work—No nudes or sexually suggestive work. Two or more of you can get together and exhibit artwork. Art League members have preference.

Contact: Ken Reese Home:972-217-1546 Cell: 214-215-1546

# PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP

WITH Texas Artist of the Year Finalist Virginia Vaughan  
Sponsored by DeSoto Art League

DATE: May 29, 2009

PLACE TO MEET: Ellis County Art Association  
501 W Main St.  
Waxahachie, TX

In case of inclement weather we will paint at the ECAA building

COST: \$75 FOR MEMBERS OF DESOTO ART LEAGUE  
\$80 FOR NONMEMBERS

\$25.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR PLACE. **In case of emergency**, deposits will be refunded less \$5.00 fee.

The workshop will be limited to 15 participants so reserve your spot now.

Contact: Sandy Reese (972)217-1546  
sandy@sandyreese.com  
For further information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Dear members and friends:

This past weekend we jumped ahead an hour for the spring. We, as members, will have to also "jump ahead" and make our commitment to the DeSoto Art League. As you all know, we will be having nominations of next year's officers presented to us at this meeting. It is my hope that you have considered taking on one of the offices for next year. We definitely need new people to serve and to bring with them new ideas and suggestions. We are in our 29th year and still going strong, thanks to our dedicated members who have taken the challenge of taking the very important positions of office through the years. Julie Danford is our Nominating Committee Chairperson this year and I hope that when you are contacted that you will gladly say "yes I will" when asked to take a position. Those of us who have served through the years have the experience and knowledge to help new officers with the transition. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you in advance for accepting an office which will not only benefit our organization but will give you a sense of accomplishment and participation. **BE NOT AFRAID!**

SOMEBODY ELSE

There's a clever young fellow named Somebody Else.  
 There's nothing this fellow can't do.  
 He's busy from morning till late at night, just substituting for you.  
 You're asked to do this, or asked to do that,  
 And what is your reply?

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Put some art into your  
 life today!

March 2009

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If a man who cannot  
 count finds a four-leaf  
 clover, is he lucky?  
 ~Stanislaw J. Lec